

southern Idaho distribution area. It is stated that Mountain Fuel has recently experienced operational problems because of declines in the Btu content of gas received from Questar at its Hyrum Gate Station, which has been the only source of gas serving customers in the existing service area. It is explained that Mountain Fuel requires additional supply sources for gas with higher Btu content to provide reliable service to its customers.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition to amend should on or before January 5, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the Protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-144-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 24, 1997.

Take notice that on December 18, 1997, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP98-144-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212(a) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212(a)) seeking NGA Section 7(c) certification to retain and operate an existing 3-inch tap and dual 2-inch meter originally authorized under NGPA Section 311 to deliver gas to Land O'Lakes, Inc. in Beaver County, Oklahoma, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-402-000, all as more fully set forth in the request

which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Natural states that it seeks NGA certification in order that it may be used to provide Part 284 Subpart G transportation. Natural's proposed quantities to be delivered at the existing point of delivery are 1,300 MMBtu/day. Natural states that the end use of gas is for Land O'Lakes, Inc. Natural states that it can provide the quantities of natural gas without detriment or disadvantage to its peak day and annual delivery capacity. Natural notes that the total volume of gas to be delivered after the facilities are certificated will not exceed the total volume originally capable of being delivered. Natural states that the facilities were placed in-service on November 2, 1997. Natural contends that it is currently providing interruptible transportation service by means of the subject facilities under Rate Schedule ITS.

Natural asserts that it obtained the appropriate environmental clearances from the Oklahoma Historical Society, the United States Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey, and the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers for its proposed construction.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC98-21-000, et al.]

Alabama Power Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 23, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Alabama Power Company

[Docket No. EC98-21-000]

Take notice that on December 4, 1997, Alabama Power Company (Alabama Power), filed an application, pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, for approval of the sale of a 44kV transmission substation to the City of Hartford, Alabama (City). The facilities are located in the City of Hartford, Geneva County, Alabama. The total purchase price of the facilities to be sold and conveyed is \$221,668.00.

Comment date: January 20, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. GPU Power, Inc.

[Docket No. EG98-20-000]

Take notice that on December 12, 1997, GPU Power, Inc. (GPU Power or Applicant), of One Upper Pond Road, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

Applicant states that, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, GPU Power Ireland, Inc., it intends to develop a base load peat-fired power plant to be located in East Midlands, Ireland (the Facility). Applicant further states that all electricity produced by the Facility will be sold at wholesale to Electricity Supply Board, a statutory corporation with principal offices at 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

Comment date: January 16, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

3. Zhejiang Yong-Ke Thermal Power Corporation, Ltd.

[Docket No. EG98-21-000]

On December 15, 1997, Zhejiang Yong-Ke Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (ZY), by EDC Shaoxing Power Ltd., c/o Enserch Development Corp., 1817 Wood Street, Dallas TX 75201, filed